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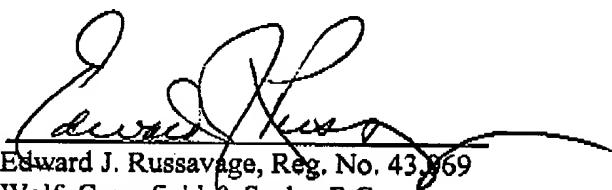
Claims 1-13 remain in this application, of which claim 1 is independent. The claims in Group I (claims 1-13) have been elected for prosecution.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Should further questions arise concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to call the Applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

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